



# St. John's Episcopal Church

(Founded 1858)

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

**Eight O'clock in the Morning**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**The Order for Holy Communion**

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- *A warm welcome to all parishioners, guests, and visitors. Worship at St. John's is according to the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal, 1940. Be sure to ask a neighbor for help if you have any questions about where we are during the service. Large print editions of the Order of Service are available from an usher upon request.*
  - *The ✠ symbol indicates a point in the liturgy where making the sign of the cross is appropriate.*
  - ***Please turn all cell phones, pagers, and wireless communication devices off or to "vibrate."***
  - *Children are most welcome at St. John's worship services. Special age appropriate bulletins and KidsPacks are available from the ushers. For those who desire it, during the school year, Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM in the undercroft, where nursery care is also available year-round.*
  - *Information on worship practices, Communion procedure, announcements, prayer requests, the teaching series, a brief history of St. John's, and various aspects of parish life are available in the Parish Chronicle, which is inserted in this bulletin.*
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**The Collect for Purity** *(the People all kneeling)*

**The Decalogue**

**The Summary of the Law**

**The Collect of the Day**

**The Collect for the Epiphany** *(to be said daily throughout the Octave)*

**The Epistle:** Romans xii. 1.

¶ *After the reading of the Epistle, the People shall stand for the reading of*

**The Psalm:** 118:19–24. *Aperite mihi portas.*

**The Gospel:** St. Luke ii. 41.

**Prayer Book**

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**The Nicene Creed**

**The Sermon** – The Rev. Fr. Steven J. Kelly, SSC, *Rector*

**The Offertory Sentences**

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¶ *Outreach: Loose offerings collected on the first Sunday of the month are allocated to support the mission work of Bishop Jackson Biggers and the church in Malawi, Central Africa.*

**The Prayer for the Church**

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**The Proper Preface for the Epiphany** (*upon the feast, and seven days after*)

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**The Sanctus**

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**The Benedictus qui venit**

✠ *Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.*

**The Prayer of Consecration**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Prayer of Humble Access** (*said by the Congregation with the Minister*)

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**The Agnus Dei**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. *Have mercy upon us.*

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O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world. *Grant us thy peace.*

**The Invitation:** ✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that takest away the sins of the world.

**Response:** *Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.*

**The Administration of Holy Communion**

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**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*said by the Congregation with the Minister*)

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**The Blessing** (*the People all kneeling*)

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**The Dismissal | Response:** *Thanks be to God.*

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## **A Daily Prayer for St. John's Episcopal Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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